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'TWO TOP'

This area is just outside of West Yellowstone, Montana. On a clear day, from atop this mountain, you can see down into Idaho and Wyoming and of course back into Montana. The snow on top at times gets to 10 and 12 foot depths. The trees look like Snow Sculptures, and are truly a sight to see.

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

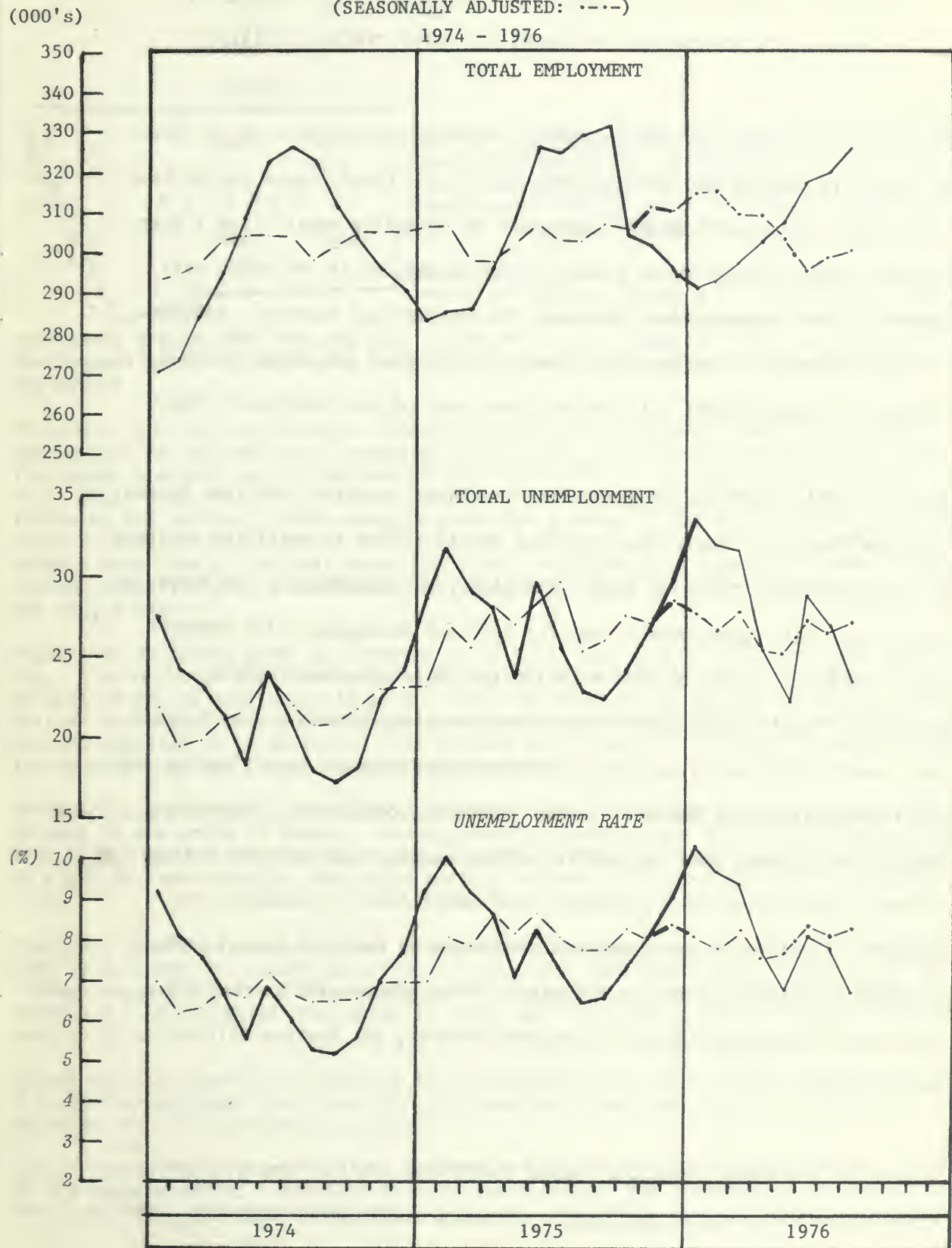
1. Civilian Labor Force - the number of persons 16 years and older, defined as employed or unemployed, excluding members of the Armed Forces.
2. Employed - those persons who work for pay or profit during a week or, as unpaid family workers, work 15 hours or more during a week. Also included as employed are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, including persons temporarily absent from a job due to illness, bad weather, vacation, or labor-management dispute, whether or not they were in a pay status during their time off.
3. Unemployment - the number of persons who, for an entire week, did not work at all, were able to work and available for work, and (1) were looking for work or (2) would have looked for work except that (a) they were waiting to return to a job from which they had been laid off, or (b) they were waiting to report to a new wage and salary job scheduled to start within the following 30 days (and were not in school during the week).
4. Unemployment Rate - the number of unemployed expressed as a percent of the civilian labor force.
5. Residence Data - a count of employment by where people live.
6. Establishment Data - a count of employment by where people work.
7. Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Series - to facilitate the evaluation of the labor force, recurrent yearly movements have been isolated and removed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics seasonal factor method.
8. Composite Index - an aggregate of six leading indicators. The indicators used are: Manufacturing - Employment, Average Weekly Hours, total Accessions and Layoffs; Average Weekly Initial Claims; and statewide Building Permits. A reverse trend was used for Layoffs and Average Weekly Initial Claims. This composite index is in no manner or form comparable to the United States composite index as published in "Business Conditions Digest", U. S. Department of Commerce.
9. Real Spendable Average Weekly Earnings of Private Nonagricultural Production Workers - represents the earnings of a hypothetical individual after deductions for State Income, Federal Income and Social Security taxes, and adjustment for change in purchasing power since 1967. This individual is assumed to be sole support for a family of four, earn the average weekly gross earnings of production workers in Montana's private nonagricultural industries, and take standard deductions on State and Federal income taxes. Taxes were computed using standard tax tables, and purchasing power was adjusted by deflating Spendable Earnings based on the national Consumer Price Index.
10. WIN - Work Incentive Program for Aid to Dependent Children recipients.
11. CETA - Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1974.
12. CETA-CEP - Concentrated Employment Program funded under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.
13. SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area as determined by Office of Management and Budget. Must have a central city with population of 50,000 or more.
14. LMA - Labor Market Area as determined by the Montana Employment Security Division consists of a central city or cities with population of less than 50,000, and the economically integrated geographical area surrounding it.

MONTANA EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED: —)

(SEASONALLY ADJUSTED: ----)

1974 - 1976



BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES, VS
ACTUAL STATE OF MONTANA EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

The Bureau of Labor statistics compiles national unemployment on the basis of a monthly Current Population Survey (C.P.S.). Twenty-seven states have large enough samples to enable the Bureau to determine those state's unemployment rate. Twenty-three states, in which Montana is included, must determine their unemployment by means of a statistical formula. Because of the difference in methodology, when C.P.S. states are added to non-C.P.S. states, the unemployment rate differs from that of the "National" rate.

Early in 1976 the Office of Management and Budget mandated that the Bureau of Labor Statistics force the aggregate of all states to equal the national C.P.S. estimates. March 4, 1976, this agency was mandated by the Bureau to adjust the state unemployment rate for 1975 and throughout 1976 downward. All states in B. L. S. Region VIII received the same adjustment factors.

Analysis of these adjustment factors indicates that Montana's unemployment rate would arbitrarily be reduced and end results would be misleading and not representative of Montana's actual economic conditions. Therefore, because this agency owes the public in Montana the most reliable and consistent figures available, Montana's Employment Security Research and Analysis Section will continue to publish what is felt are actual unemployment statistics in this publication. This agency will furnish the Bureau with adjusted figures on required reports, but Montana will not publish them.

Because of the above, Bureau of Labor Statistics publications will not agree with statistics as published by Montana's Employment Security Research and Analysis Section.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET

SEPTEMBER 1976



Montana's civilian labor force for the month of August reached 349,200 while employment reached 325,700 and unemployment reached 23,500. Montana's unemployment rate was 6.7% for August compared with 7.6% for July and 6.6% for August one year ago.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment for August totaled 243,500 as compared to 245,200 in July and 250,000 for the same month one year ago. Manufacturing employment dropped 200 from the July figure of 23,300. Special trade contractors showed the largest positive net change over the previous month, and with a 4.3% increase in employment.

Montana's important agriculture industry reached the employment peak of the year in August with 44,700 employees, compared with 40,100 for the previous month and 47,200 for August one year ago. A record 162 million bushels is forecast for Montana's total wheat crop, which is 4% above last year - the previous all time high. This is following the national trend which is expecting a record 2,139 million bushels for total wheat production. Even though precipitation has been below normal this summer, the showers have come at the most opportune times, scattered throughout the summer. Favorable growing conditions all over Montana during August pushed the spring wheat yield to a new record high.

Production on spring wheat is forecast at 56.6 million bushels, 39% more than one year ago. A record high yield per acre of 28 bushels is expected. This increase of production can be attributed to both a yield increase and an acreage increase. The bulk of Montana's 1976 crop will again be made up of winter wheat, with 96.6 million bushels expected to be harvested from a yield of 32 bushels per acre, as reported by the Montana Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

Montana's average non-agricultural wage earner worked 35.9 hours at a rate of \$4.85 an hour in the month of August. Average weekly earnings were \$174.12 as compared to \$165.07 for August one year ago. August's \$86.12 figure for real spendable earnings is right in line with the continuing monthly increase of this figure since January 1976.

Montana's report on Labor Turnover Rates showed the manufacturing accession rate for July at 3.7% and its separation rate at 3.4%. The nondurable goods industry had the highest accession rate of the manufacturing industries at 4.7%. The mining industry records a 3.0% accession rate which is still running ahead of the industry's separation rate of 2.7%.

August building permits for Montana is 807 compared with July's figure of 781. This is a 10.5% increase over the figure for the same period one year ago not seasonally adjusted and 12.0% seasonally adjusted.

June's production of crude oil and condensate from oil and gas areas of Montana averaged 88,819 barrels daily, a decrease of 2,103 barrels from the previous month and 608 barrels from June 1975. Montana's refineries processed 144,746 barrels of crude oil daily

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET (Cont.)

which was an increase of 25,105 barrels from the May figure of 119,641 barrels. This June figure is a 2.7% increase over June one year ago. During June there were 4 oil wells, 28 gas wells, and 27 dry holes completed, as reported in the Montana Oil and Gas Statistical Bulletin. One year ago a total of 66 wells were completed. Permits to drill new wells are down this month from 84 permits in May to 65 permits, and down from June 1975's figure of 89 permits.

On the positive side, Montana's Composite index of six leading indicators showed a slight increase to a July figure of 95.9 from 95.7 the previous month.

MANPOWER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

August 1976

<u>Program</u>	<u>New Enrollees</u>	<u>Job Placements</u>	<u>End of Month Enrollment</u>
WIN	250	103	1,996
CETA-CEP	87	59	184
CETA-INST.	27	54	232
CETA-OJT	23	34	103
JOB CORPS	21	33	200
PSE	181	101	1,035
CIP	84	7	274

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - U. S.^{1/} (1967 = 100)

<u>Group</u>	<u>Aug 1976</u>	<u>Percent Change From: July 1976</u>	<u>Aug 1975</u>
All Items	171.9	.5%	5.6%

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE UNEMPLOYED^{2/}

August 1976

<u>Social Characteristics</u>	<u>Percent of Total Covered Unemployment</u>
Non-White	4.2%
Female	48.2%
Youth	12.3%
Over 45	24.3%

^{1/} The Consumer Price Index measures changes in prices of goods and services bought by urban wage earners and clerical workers, including families and single persons.

^{2/} Based on 20% sample of Continued Claims filed during the week including the 19th of each month in all local offices.

Table I
MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

RESIDENCE DATA

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute ^{2/}
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent ^{1/}		
						Montana	U. S.	
1974								
January	298.1	270.5	245.7	24.8	27.6	9.2	5.6	.1
February	298.2	273.9	249.1	24.8	24.3	8.1	5.7	*
March	308.2	284.8	254.5	30.3	23.4	7.6	5.3	*
April	316.4	295.0	261.0	34.0	21.4	6.8	4.8	*
May	327.8	309.5	270.0	39.5	18.3	5.6	4.6	4.0
June	346.8	322.8	277.7	45.1	24.0	6.9	5.8	2.0
July	347.4	326.4	277.7	48.7	21.0	6.0	5.6	*
August	341.8	323.9	277.9	46.0	17.9	5.3	5.3	.2
September	329.7	312.4	275.6	36.8	17.3	5.2	5.7	*
October	322.3	304.2	269.3	34.9	18.1	5.6	5.5	*
November	319.3	296.9	266.5	30.4	22.4	7.0	6.2	.1
December	315.1	291.0	265.2	25.8	24.1	7.7	6.7	*
1974 Avg.	322.6	301.0	265.9	35.1	21.6	6.7	5.6	.5
1975								
January	308.7	279.8	253.0	26.8	28.9	9.4	9.0	*
February	309.6	278.2	250.8	27.4	31.4	10.2	9.1	.1
March	316.6	287.3	257.1	30.2	29.3	9.2	9.1	.3
April	320.3	292.3	259.4	32.9	28.0	8.7	8.6	.2
May	327.9	304.3	267.3	37.0	23.6	7.2	8.3	.1
June	349.1	319.7	278.9	40.8	29.4	8.4	9.1	.1
July	346.9	321.3	279.1	42.2	25.6	7.4	8.7	.2
August	350.9	327.9	280.7	47.2	23.0	6.6	8.2	*
September	340.2	317.7	279.3	38.4	22.5	6.6	8.1	.3
October	332.6	308.4	274.4	34.0	24.2	7.3	7.8	.3
November	332.4	305.8	274.3	31.5	26.6	8.0	7.8	.2
December	330.7	300.6	271.4	29.2	30.1	9.1	7.8	.2
1975 Avg.	330.5	303.6	268.8	34.8	26.9	8.1	8.5	.1
1976								
January	324.8	291.2	262.4	28.8	33.6	10.3	8.8	*
February	323.6	292.1	263.3	28.8	31.5	9.7	8.7	*
March	328.3	297.3	265.8	31.5	31.0	9.5	8.1	*
April	328.6	302.8	267.8	35.0	25.8	7.9	7.4	*
May	330.4	308.1	271.0	37.1	22.3	6.8	6.7	*
June	343.0	314.1	273.0	41.1	28.9	8.4	8.0	*
July	344.8	318.5	278.4	40.1	26.3	7.6	7.8	*
August	349.2	325.7	281.0	44.7	23.5	6.7	7.6	*
September	332.2	312.6	277.0	35.6	19.6	5.9		*
October								
November								
December								

^{1/} Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.

Series began January 1970.

^{2/} Non-additive - included in total employment.

Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.

* Under 50.

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RESIDENCE DATA

Table II
GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)
Civilian Labor Force
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
(in Thousands)

(In thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute ^{2/}
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent ^{1/}		
						County	State	
1974								
January	31.5	28.6	27.6	1.0	2.9	9.3	9.2	*
February	31.1	28.7	27.7	1.0	2.4	7.6	8.1	*
March	31.9	29.6	28.3	1.3	2.3	7.2	7.6	*
April	32.3	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.0	6.2	6.8	*
May	32.4	30.4	28.7	1.7	2.0	6.2	5.6	1.4
June	34.1	31.6	29.6	2.0	2.5	7.3	6.9	1.2
July	33.9	31.7	29.5	2.2	2.2	6.4	6.0	*
August	33.8	31.8	29.8	2.0	2.0	5.8	5.3	*
September	33.2	31.3	29.7	1.6	1.9	5.6	5.2	*
October	33.1	31.3	29.8	1.5	1.8	5.5	5.6	*
November	32.1	30.1	28.7	1.4	2.0	6.3	7.0	*
December	32.2	30.1	29.0	1.1	2.1	6.6	7.7	*
1974 Avg.	32.7	30.5	29.0	1.5	2.2	6.7	6.7	.2
1975								
January	31.1	28.5	27.4	1.1	2.6	8.3	9.4	*
February	31.2	28.2	27.1	1.1	3.0	9.7	10.2	*
March	31.8	29.0	27.8	1.2	2.8	8.7	9.2	.1
April	32.5	29.8	28.5	1.3	2.7	8.3	8.7	.1
May	32.7	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.4	7.3	7.2	*
June	33.7	30.9	29.3	1.6	2.8	8.4	8.4	*
July	33.7	31.0	29.3	1.7	2.7	8.1	7.4	*
August	33.7	31.2	29.3	1.9	2.5	7.4	6.6	*
September	33.3	30.9	29.4	1.5	2.4	7.3	6.6	*
October	33.0	30.3	29.0	1.3	2.7	8.1	7.3	*
November	33.0	30.4	29.2	1.2	2.6	7.9	8.0	*
December	33.0	30.2	29.0	1.2	2.8	8.5	9.1	*
1975 Avg.	32.7	30.0	28.6	1.4	2.7	8.2	8.1	*
1976								
January	32.4	29.2	28.1	1.1	3.2	9.8	10.3	*
February	32.2	29.3	28.2	1.1	2.9	9.1	9.7	*
March	32.9	29.9	28.7	1.2	3.0	9.2	9.5	*
April	32.5	29.9	28.5	1.4	2.6	7.9	7.9	*
May	33.5	31.2	29.7	1.5	2.3	6.9	6.8	*
June	35.0	31.7	30.1	1.6	3.3	9.3	8.4	*
July	35.2	32.3	30.7	1.6	2.9	8.2	7.6	*
August	35.0	32.5	30.7	1.8	2.5	7.1	6.7	*
September	34.2	32.0	30.6	1.4	2.2	6.5	5.9	*
October								
November								
December								

1/ Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.

Series began January 1970.

2/ Non-additive - included in total employment.

Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.

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Table III
BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)
Civilian Labor Force
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
(in Thousands)

RESIDENCE DATA

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute ^{2/}
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent ^{1/}		
						County	State	
1974								
January	44.0	40.6	39.5	1.1	3.4	7.8	9.2	*
February	43.9	41.3	40.2	1.1	2.6	5.9	8.1	*
March	44.6	42.2	40.6	1.6	2.4	5.4	7.6	*
April	45.1	42.9	41.2	1.7	2.2	4.9	6.8	*
May	45.6	43.6	41.6	2.0	2.0	4.4	5.6	.5
June	48.1	45.0	42.7	2.3	3.1	6.3	6.9	.5
July	47.9	45.4	42.9	2.5	2.5	5.3	6.0	*
August	47.0	44.9	42.5	2.4	2.1	4.4	5.3	*
September	46.1	44.1	42.2	1.9	2.0	4.4	5.2	*
October	46.6	44.7	42.9	1.8	1.9	4.2	5.6	*
November	45.9	43.6	42.0	1.6	2.3	5.0	7.0	*
December	45.8	43.3	42.0	1.3	2.5	5.4	7.7	*
1974 Avg.	45.9	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.4	5.3	6.7	*
1975								
January	45.4	42.0	40.8	1.2	3.4	7.6	9.4	*
February	45.1	41.5	40.2	1.3	3.6	8.0	10.2	*
March	45.6	42.0	40.6	1.4	3.6	7.9	9.2	.1
April	46.8	43.4	41.9	1.5	3.4	7.3	8.7	*
May	47.1	44.5	42.8	1.7	2.6	5.6	7.2	*
June	49.0	45.6	43.7	1.9	3.4	7.0	8.4	*
July	49.5	46.3	44.4	1.9	3.2	6.5	7.4	*
August	49.2	46.1	43.9	2.2	3.1	6.2	6.6	*
September	48.5	45.6	43.8	1.8	2.9	5.9	6.6	.2
October	48.4	45.6	44.0	1.6	2.8	5.8	7.3	.2
November	49.2	46.4	45.0	1.4	2.8	5.8	8.0	*
December	48.6	45.4	44.1	1.3	3.2	6.5	9.1	*
1975 Avg.	47.7	44.5	42.9	1.6	3.2	6.7	8.1	*
1976								
January	47.4	43.7	42.4	1.3	3.7	7.9	10.3	*
February	47.1	43.8	42.5	1.3	3.3	7.1	9.7	*
March	47.5	44.1	42.7	1.4	3.4	7.2	9.5	*
April	48.3	45.4	43.8	1.6	2.9	5.9	7.9	*
May	48.1	45.8	44.1	1.7	2.3	4.8	6.8	*
June	50.7	47.2	45.3	1.9	3.5	6.9	8.4	*
July	51.3	48.1	46.3	1.8	3.2	6.2	7.6	*
August	51.1	48.4	46.3	2.1	2.7	5.4	6.7	*
September	50.1	47.9	46.3	1.6	2.2	4.5	5.9	*
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

1/ Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.

2/ Non-additive - included in total employment.

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Table IV
MONTANA

Statewide Employment by Industry

AUGUST 1976

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Aug. 1976	July 1976	Aug. 1975	Net Changes to Current Month from:	
				July 1976	Aug. 1975
1. Civilian Labor Force	349.2	344.8	350.9	4.4	-1.7
2. Unemployment	23.5	26.3	23.0	2.8	.5
Percent of Labor Force ^{1/}	6.7	7.6	6.6	- .9	.1
3. Employment, Total	325.7	318.5	327.9	7.2	-2.2
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)					
.....	248.7	245.8	247.6	2.9	1.1
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data) ..	243.5	245.2	250.0	-1.7	-6.5
MANUFACTURING	23.1	23.3	23.9	-.2	-.8
Durable Goods	14.9	15.0	15.9	-.1	-1.0
24 Lumber and Wood Products	8.6	8.8	9.9	-.2	-1.3
33 Primary Metal Industries	3.4	3.4	3.2	0	.2
Other Durable Goods	2.9	2.8	2.8	.1	.1
Nondurable Goods	8.2	8.3	8.0	-.1	.2
20 Food and Kindred Products	3.8	3.8	3.7	0	.1
27 Printing and Publishing	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
29 Petroleum and Coal Products	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.3	1.4	1.2	-.1	.1
NONMANUFACTURING	220.4	221.9	226.1	-1.5	-5.7
Mining	6.0	6.0	6.6	0	-.6
10 Metal Mining	2.2	2.2	2.8	0	-.6
12 & 14 Bitum. Coal, Quarrying, Nonmetal Mining	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
13 Oil and Gas Extraction	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0

<u>Contract Construction</u>	12.0	11.9	14.9	.1	-2.9
15 <u>General Building Contractors</u>	3.9	3.9	5.8	0	-1.9
16 <u>Heavy Construction Contractors</u>	3.2	3.3	3.7	-.1	-.5
17 <u>Special Trade Contractors</u>	4.9	4.7	5.4	.2	-.5
<u>Transportation and Public Utilities</u>	19.9	19.8	20.2	.1	-.3
40 <u>Railroad Transportation</u>	6.2	6.2	6.2	0	0
41-47 <u>Transportation, except Railroad</u>	6.0	6.0	6.4	0	-.4
48 & 49 <u>Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services</u> ..	7.7	7.6	7.6	.1	.1
<u>Wholesale and Retail Trade</u>	61.0	60.8	62.9	.2	-1.9
<u>Wholesale Trade</u>	12.5	12.4	12.2	.1	.3
<u>Retail Trade</u>	48.5	48.4	50.7	.1	-2.2
53 & 56 <u>Ret. Gen. Merch., Apparel, Accessories</u> ...	8.8	8.8	8.5	0	.3
54 <u>Food Stores</u>	6.9	6.8	6.7	.1	.2
55 <u>Automotive Dealers, Service Stations</u>	7.9	7.9	8.4	0	-.5
58 <u>Eating and Drinking Places</u>	15.2	15.2	16.8	0	-1.6
52, 57, 59 <u>Bldg. Mat., Farm Equip., Furn., Misc.</u> ..	9.7	9.7	10.3	0	-.6
<u>Finance, Insurance and Real Estate</u>	10.7	10.7	10.4	0	.3
<u>Services</u>	46.7	46.8	47.6	-.1	-.9
70 <u>Hotels and other Lodging Places</u>	5.9	5.9	7.7	0	-1.8
72 <u>Personal Services</u>	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
80 <u>Medical and other Health Services</u>	15.2	15.1	14.3	.1	.9
<u>Other Services</u>	23.0	23.2	23.0	-.2	0
<u>Government</u>	64.1	65.9	63.5	-1.8	.6
91 <u>Federal Government</u>	14.5	14.5	16.0	0	-1.5
92 <u>State Government</u>	19.7	19.9	17.1	-.2	2.6
<u>State Education</u>	8.9	9.1	-	-.2	-
<u>Other State Government</u>	10.8	10.8	-	0	-
93 <u>Local Government</u>	29.9	31.5	30.4	-1.6	-.5
<u>Local Education</u>	15.8	17.3	-	-1.5	-
<u>Other Local Government</u>	14.1	14.2	-	-.1	-
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment ^{2/}	32.3	32.6	33.1	-.3	-.8
(c) Agriculture	44.7	40.1	47.2	4.6	-2.5

4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes^{3/}

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1/ Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. * Under 50. Current month preliminary. Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.

2/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

3/ Non-Additive, included in Line (a). Establishment Series began January 1964; Residence Series began January 1970. Produced in cooperation with U.S. Dept. of Labor Employment and Training Administration.

Table V
GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)
Employment by Industry

AUGUST 1976

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Net Changes to Current Month from:				
	Aug. 1976	July 1976	Aug. 1975	July 1976	Aug. 1975
1. Civilian Labor Force	35.0	35.2	33.7	-.2	1.3
2. Unemployment	2.5	2.9	2.5	-.4	0
Percent of Labor Force ^{1/}	7.1	8.2	7.4	-1.1	-.3
3. Employment, Total	32.5	32.3	31.2	.2	1.3
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data) ...	28.2	28.1	26.8	.1	1.4
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	28.7	28.5	27.8	.2	.9
MANUFACTURING	1.9	1.8	1.7	.1	.2
NONMANUFACTURING	26.8	26.7	26.1	.1	.7
Contract Construction	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Transportation and Public Utilities ...	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Wholesale and Retail Trade	8.8	8.7	8.6	.1	.2
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	.1
Services and Mining	6.6	6.5	6.3	.1	.3
Government	5.7	5.8	5.6	-.1	.1
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment ^{2/}	2.5	2.6	2.5	-.1	0
(c) Agriculture	1.8	1.6	1.9	.2	-.1
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes ^{3/}	*	*	*	-	-

^{1/} Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. Current month preliminary.
^{2/} Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers,
and domestic workers in private households. Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.
^{3/} Non-additive, included in Line (a). * Under 50.
Establishment Series began January 1958. Residence Series began January 1970.
Produced in cooperation with U. S. Dept. of Labor Employment & Training Administration.

Table VI
BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)
Employment by Industry

AUGUST 1976

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Net Changes to Current Month from:				
	Aug. 1976	July 1976	Aug. 1975	July 1976	Aug. 1975
1. Civilian Labor Force	51.1	51.3	49.2	-.2	1.9
2. Unemployment	2.7	3.2	3.1	-.5	-.4
Percent of Labor Force ^{1/}	5.4	6.2	6.2	-.8	-.8
3. Employment, Total	48.4	48.1	46.1	.3	2.3
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data) ...	41.7	41.6	39.4	.1	2.3
<i>NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY</i> <i>(Establishment Data)</i>	40.5	40.6	39.7	-.1	.8
<i>MANUFACTURING</i>	3.7	3.6	3.4	.1	.3
<i>NONMANUFACTURING</i>	36.8	37.0	36.3	-.2	.5
Contract Construction	2.2	2.2	2.3	0	-.1
Transportation and Public Utilities ...	3.5	3.5	3.6	0	-.1
Wholesale and Retail Trade	13.4	13.4	12.9	0	.5
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	2.1	2.1	2.0	0	.1
Services and Mining	8.5	8.6	8.6	-.1	-.1
Government	7.1	7.2	6.9	-.1	.2
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment ^{2/}	4.6	4.7	4.5	-.1	.1
(c) Agriculture	2.1	1.8	2.2	.3	-.1
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes ^{3/} *	*	*	*	-	-

^{1/} Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. Current month preliminary.
^{2/} Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers,
and domestic workers in private households. Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.
^{3/} Non-additive, included in Line (a). * Under 50.
Establishment Series began January 1958. Residence Series began January 1970.
Produced in cooperation with U. S. Dept. of Labor Employment & Training Administration.

Table VII

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS^{1/}

Civilian Labor Force

in Thousands

	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	JUNE 1976	JULY 1976	AUG 1976	JUNE 1976	JULY 1976	AUG 1976	JUNE 1976	JULY 1976	AUG 1976	JUNE 1976	JULY 1976	AUG 1976
STATEWIDE	343.0	344.8	349.2	314.1	318.5	325.7	28.9	26.3	23.5	8.4	7.6	6.7
GREAT FALLS SMSA	35.0	35.2	35.0	31.7	32.3	32.5	3.3	2.9	2.5	9.3	8.2	7.1
BILLINGS SMSA	50.7	51.3	51.1	47.2	48.1	48.4	3.5	3.2	2.7	6.9	6.2	5.4
^{1/2} BALANCE OF STATE ^{2/}	257.3	258.3	263.1	235.2	238.1	244.8	22.1	20.2	18.3	8.6	7.8	7.0
ANACONDA-BUTTE	37.0	37.1	38.4	33.2	33.5	34.3	3.8	3.6	4.1	10.3	9.6	10.7
BOZEMAN	25.1	25.1	25.6	23.2	23.5	24.2	1.9	1.6	1.3	7.5	6.6	5.3
GLASGOW	16.6	16.9	17.3	15.8	16.0	16.6	.9	.8	.8	5.2	5.0	4.3
GLENDIVE	13.8	13.8	14.2	13.1	13.3	13.7	.7	.6	.5	5.0	4.1	3.4
HARDIN-RED LODGE	11.3	11.4	11.6	10.5	10.7	11.0	.8	.7	.6	6.8	6.5	5.2
HAVRE	12.5	12.6	12.8	11.6	11.8	12.1	.8	.9	.7	6.6	6.8	5.2
HELENA	22.5	22.5	22.5	20.7	20.8	21.3	1.8	1.6	1.3	8.0	7.3	5.8
KALISPELL	33.7	33.4	33.8	29.5	29.9	30.7	4.2	3.5	3.1	12.5	10.6	9.1
LEWISTOWN	11.3	11.4	11.7	10.6	10.8	11.1	.6	.6	.5	5.8	5.2	4.7
MILES CITY	14.0	14.1	14.2	13.0	13.2	13.6	1.0	.9	.7	7.1	6.5	4.6
MISSOULA	41.5	41.7	42.0	37.0	37.4	38.3	4.5	4.3	3.7	10.9	10.3	8.9
SHELBY-CUT BANK	18.0	18.3	19.0	17.0	17.2	17.9	1.1	1.1	1.0	6.0	5.8	5.4

^{1/} A list of counties included in each Labor Market Area appears on page 29. See map on inside back cover.^{2/} Statewide, excluding Great Falls and Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

TABLE VIII

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS^{1/}

Civilian Labor Force

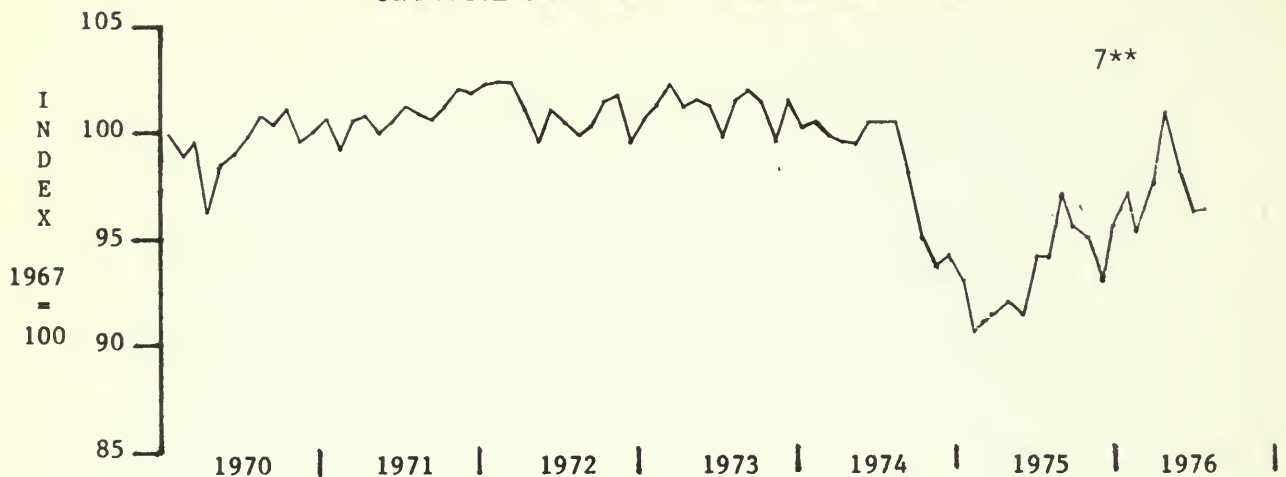
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	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	Percent Change			Percent Change			Net Change			Net Change		
	AUGUST 1976	AUGUST 1975	1975-1976	AUGUST 1976	AUGUST 1975	1975-1976	AUGUST 1976	AUGUST 1975	1975-1976	AUGUST 1976	AUGUST 1975	1975-1976
STATEWIDE	349.2	350.9	-.5	325.7	327.9	-.7	23.5	23.0	.5	6.7	6.6	.1
GREAT FALLS SMSA	35.0	33.7	3.9	32.5	31.2	4.2	2.5	2.5	0	7.1	7.4	-.3
BILLINGS SMSA	51.1	49.2	3.9	48.4	46.1	5.0	2.7	3.1	-.4	5.4	6.2	-.8
BALANCE OF STATE ^{2/}	263.1	268.0	-1.8	244.8	250.6	-2.3	18.3	17.4	.9	7.0	6.5	.5
ANACONDA-BUTTE	38.4	38.4	0	34.3	35.1	-2.3	4.1	3.3	.8	10.7	8.6	2.1
BOZEMAN	25.6	26.5	-3.4	24.2	25.0	-3.2	1.3	1.5	-.2	5.3	5.7	-.4
GLASGOW	17.3	18.1	-4.4	16.6	17.2	-3.5	.8	.9	-.1	4.3	5.0	-.7
GLENDIVE	14.2	14.8	-4.1	13.7	14.2	-3.5	.5	.6	-.1	3.4	4.1	-.7
HARDIN-RED LODGE	11.6	11.9	-2.5	11.0	11.3	-2.7	.6	.6	0	5.2	5.0	.2
HAVRE	12.8	11.9	7.6	12.1	11.3	7.1	.7	.6	.1	5.2	5.0	.2
HELENA	22.5	23.2	-3.0	21.3	21.8	-2.3	1.3	1.4	-.1	5.8	6.0	-.2
KALISPELL	33.8	34.7	-2.6	30.7	31.6	-2.8	3.1	3.1	0	9.1	8.9	.2
LEWISTOWN	11.7	11.9	-1.7	11.1	11.4	-2.6	.5	.5	0	4.7	4.2	.5
MILES CITY	14.2	14.5	-2.1	13.6	13.9	-2.2	.7	.6	.1	4.6	4.1	.5
MISSOULA	42.0	42.6	-1.4	38.3	39.1	-2.0	3.7	3.5	.2	8.9	8.2	.7
SHELBY-CUT BANK	19.0	19.5	-2.6	17.9	18.7	-4.3	1.0	.8	.2	5.4	4.1	1.3

^{1/} A list of counties included in each Labor Market Area appears on page 29. See map on inside back cover.^{2/} Statewide, excluding Great Falls and Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

COMPOSITE INDEX OF SIX LEADING INDICATORS*



Composite Index of SIX LEADING INDICATORS 1967 = 100

1975

January	92.7
February	90.3
March	91.0
April	91.6
May	91.0
June	93.7
July	93.7
August	96.7
September	95.2
October	94.8
November	92.7
December	95.3

1976

January	96.8
February	95.0
March	97.4
April	100.5
May	97.7
June	95.7
July	95.9
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	

MONTANA's COMPOSITE INDEX

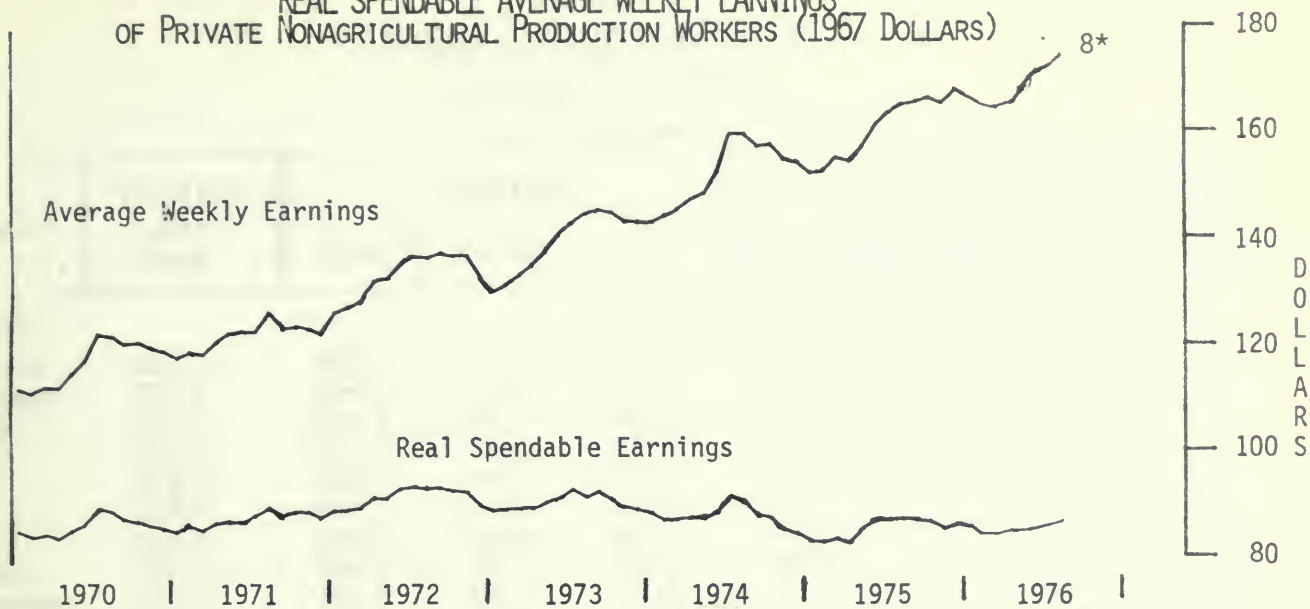
The Composite index displayed a slight upturn for July at 95.9 from 95.7 in June. Accessions continued to show a positive trend with a 7.7% monthly increase in June, offset by an equally consistent negative trend in layoffs with a monthly increase of 6.7%. Manufacturing employment and average manufacturing weekly hours were virtually unchanged and building permits showed a slight decline.

The most significant influence upon July's composite index came from the decrease of 11.5% in the average weekly initial claims. This 11.5% decrease from June to July impeded the recent negative movements in the index.

* Employment, Average Weekly Hours, Total Accessions, and Layoffs in Manufacturing; Building Permits, and Average Weekly Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims.

** Indicates last month of plotted data.

REAL SPENDABLE AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF PRIVATE NONAGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION WORKERS (1967 DOLLARS)



	Aug 1976	July 1976	Aug 1975
Gross Average Weekly Earnings	\$174.12	\$172.67	\$165.07
Taxes Withheld	26.10	25.65	23.37
Spendable Earnings	148.02	147.02	141.71
Adjustment for Price Changes Since 1967	61.90	61.10	54.67
Real Spendable Earnings in 1967 Dollars	86.12	85.92	87.04

1975	Average Weekly Earnings ^{1/}	Real Spendable Earnings ^{2/}
JUL	163.52	86.63
AUG.	165.07	87.04
SEP.	165.53	86.81
OCT.	165.98	86.48
NOV.	165.34	85.67
DEC.	167.81	86.36
<u>1976</u>		
JAN.	165.89	85.35
FEB.	164.98	84.77
MAR.	163.70	84.02
APR.	165.50	84.44
MAY	168.84	85.31
JUNE	170.88	85.69
JULY	172.67	85.92
AUG.	174.12 ^P	86.12 ^P
SEP.		
OCT.		
NOV.		
DEC.		

Gross average weekly earnings increased .8% to \$174.12 for August from the July figure of \$172.67. This is a 5.5% increase over last year's August figure of \$165.07. Real spendable earnings is still continuing its upward climb to an August figure of \$86.12, or a .2% increase over July's figure.

The monthly figure for real spendable earnings is finally approaching the average figure of \$86.50 for the second half of 1975. The August figure is .4 below this average figure and 1.1% lower than the same month one year ago.

* Indicate last month of plotted data.

p: Preliminary

1/ Average weekly earning of total private nonagricultural production workers.

2/ Real spendable average weekly earnings of private nonagricultural production workers.

Table IX
MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

RESIDENCE DATA

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute ^{2/}
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent ^{1/}		
						Montana	U. S.	
1974								
January	315.1	293.2	257.5	35.7	21.9	7.0	5.2	.1
February	314.2	294.7	260.4	34.3	19.5	6.2	5.2	*
March	317.1	297.2	261.8	35.4	19.9	6.3	5.1	*
April	318.6	297.2	265.1	32.1	21.4	6.7	5.0	*
May	325.5	303.9	267.3	36.6	21.6	6.6	5.2	4.0
June	327.8	304.1	267.9	36.2	23.7	7.2	5.2	2.0
July	326.6	304.6	266.5	38.1	22.0	6.7	5.3	*
August	319.2	298.4	267.0	31.4	20.8	6.5	5.4	.2
September	322.6	301.7	270.5	31.2	20.9	6.5	5.8	*
October	327.3	305.6	268.1	37.5	21.7	6.6	6.0	*
November	328.5	305.5	268.7	36.8	23.0	7.0	6.6	.1
December	328.2	305.1	269.1	36.0	23.1	7.0	7.2	*
1974 Avg.	322.6	301.0	265.9	35.1	21.6	6.7	5.6	.5
1975								
January	326.0	303.0	265.8	37.2	23.0	7.0	8.2	*
February	326.4	300.0	263.3	36.7	26.4	8.1	8.2	.1
March	326.0	300.0	265.2	34.8	26.0	8.0	8.7	.3
April	323.2	295.6	262.7	32.9	27.6	8.5	8.9	.2
May	325.6	299.0	265.1	33.9	26.6	8.2	9.2	.1
June	327.4	299.7	267.7	32.0	27.7	8.4	8.6	.1
July	327.8	301.3	268.9	32.4	26.5	8.1	8.4	.2
August	329.3	302.9	270.2	32.7	26.4	8.0	8.4	*
September	333.1	306.3	273.7	32.6	26.8	8.1	8.3	.3
October	336.4	308.4	273.1	35.3	28.0	8.3	8.6	.3
November	341.0	313.0	275.4	37.6	28.0	8.2	8.3	.2
December	343.5	314.0	274.6	39.4	29.5	8.6	8.3	.2
1975 Avg.	330.5	303.6	268.8	34.8	26.9	8.1	8.5	.1
1976								
January	342.7	315.0	274.6	40.4	27.7	8.1	7.8	*
February	341.1	314.6	275.6	39.0	26.5	7.8	7.6	*
March	337.8	309.9	273.8	36.1	27.9	8.3	7.5	*
April	332.6	307.2	272.2	35.0	25.4	7.6	7.5	*
May	328.2	302.9	269.4	33.5	25.3	7.7	7.3	*
June	320.7	293.6	261.9	31.7	27.1	8.4	7.5	*
July	324.8	297.6	267.7	29.9	27.2	8.4	7.8	*
August	326.9	299.9	270.0	29.9	27.0	8.3	7.9	*
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

^{1/} Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.

^{2/} Non-additive - included in total employment.

* Under 50.

Series began January 1970.

Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.

Current month preliminary.

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers.

RESIDENCE DATA

Table X
GREAT FALLS MSA (CASCADE COUNTY)
Civilian Labor Force
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute <u>2/</u>
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent <u>1/</u>		
						County	State	
1974								
January	32.8	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.5	7.6	7.0	*
February	32.4	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.1	6.5	6.2	*
March	32.6	30.4	28.9	1.5	2.2	6.7	6.3	*
April	32.4	30.2	28.8	1.4	2.2	6.8	6.7	*
May	32.4	30.2	28.6	1.6	2.2	6.8	6.6	1.4
June	32.5	30.3	28.7	1.6	2.2	6.8	7.2	1.2
July	32.6	30.5	28.7	1.8	2.1	6.4	6.7	*
August	32.6	30.5	29.1	1.4	2.1	6.4	6.5	*
September	32.5	30.5	29.2	1.3	2.0	6.2	6.5	*
October	33.2	31.1	29.5	1.6	2.1	6.3	6.6	*
November	32.7	30.5	28.9	1.6	2.2	6.7	7.0	*
December	32.8	30.6	29.1	1.5	2.2	6.7	6.0	*
1974 Avg.	32.7	30.5	29.0	1.5	2.2	6.7	6.7	.2
1975								
January	32.4	30.3	28.7	1.6	2.1	6.5	7.0	*
February	32.7	30.0	28.5	1.5	2.7	8.3	8.1	*
March	32.5	29.9	28.5	1.4	2.6	8.1	8.0	.1
April	32.6	29.8	28.5	1.3	2.8	8.7	8.5	.1
May	32.4	29.9	28.6	1.3	2.5	7.8	8.2	*
June	32.2	29.7	28.5	1.2	2.5	7.8	8.4	*
July	32.4	29.8	28.5	1.3	2.6	8.2	8.1	*
August	32.5	29.8	28.5	1.3	2.7	8.2	8.0	*
September	32.7	30.0	28.8	1.2	2.7	8.2	8.1	*
October	33.0	30.0	28.7	1.3	3.0	9.0	8.3	*
November	33.6	30.8	29.3	1.5	2.8	8.3	8.2	*
December	33.4	30.5	29.0	1.5	2.9	8.8	8.6	*
1975 Avg.	32.7	30.0	28.6	1.4	2.7	8.2	8.1	*
1976								
January	33.7	31.0	29.3	1.7	2.7	8.0	8.1	*
February	33.6	31.0	29.4	1.6	2.6	7.7	7.8	*
March	33.7	30.8	29.4	1.4	2.9	8.6	8.6	*
April	32.5	29.8	28.4	1.4	2.7	8.3	7.6	*
May	33.1	30.7	29.4	1.3	2.4	7.3	7.7	*
June	33.3	30.4	29.2	1.2	2.9	8.8	8.4	*
July	33.8	31.0	29.8	1.2	2.8	8.3	8.4	*
August	33.8	31.1	29.9	1.2	2.7	7.9	8.3	*
September								
October								
November								
December								

^{1/} Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.

^{2/} Non-additive - included in total employment.

* Under 50.

Series began January 1970.

Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.

Current month preliminary.

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers.

Table XI
BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)
Civilian Labor Force
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
(in Thousands)

RESIDENCE DATA

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute ^{2/}
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent 1/		
						County	State	
1974								
January	45.4	42.5	41.0	1.5	2.9	6.4	7.0	*
February	45.1	42.9	41.4	1.5	2.2	4.9	6.2	*
March	45.5	43.4	41.7	1.7	2.1	4.6	6.3	*
April	45.6	43.1	41.4	1.7	2.5	5.5	6.7	*
May	45.8	43.4	41.5	1.9	2.4	5.2	6.6	.5
June	46.4	43.6	41.6	2.0	2.8	6.0	7.2	.5
July	46.6	44.1	42.1	2.0	2.5	5.4	6.7	*
August	46.2	44.0	42.0	2.0	2.2	4.8	6.5	*
September	46.2	43.9	42.3	1.6	2.3	5.0	6.5	*
October	46.2	43.9	42.0	1.9	2.3	5.0	6.6	*
November	45.6	43.2	41.4	1.8	2.4	5.3	7.0	*
December	45.8	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.3	5.0	7.0	*
1974 Avg.	45.9	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.4	5.3	6.7	*
1975								
January	46.9	44.0	42.3	1.7	2.9	6.2	7.0	*
February	46.6	43.3	41.6	1.7	3.3	7.0	8.1	*
March	46.5	43.3	41.7	1.6	3.2	7.0	8.0	.1
April	47.3	43.7	42.2	1.5	3.6	7.6	8.5	*
May	47.3	44.3	42.8	1.5	3.0	6.3	8.2	*
June	47.3	44.2	42.7	1.5	3.1	6.5	8.4	*
July	47.8	44.7	43.3	1.4	3.1	6.5	8.1	*
August	48.2	45.0	43.4	1.6	3.2	6.5	8.0	*
September	48.6	45.4	43.9	1.5	3.2	6.6	8.1	.2
October	48.0	44.8	43.2	1.6	3.2	6.7	8.3	.2
November	49.0	45.9	44.2	1.7	3.1	6.3	8.2	*
December	49.0	45.8	44.0	1.8	3.2	6.6	8.6	*
1975 Avg.	47.7	44.5	42.9	1.6	3.2	6.7	8.1	*
1976								
January	49.0	45.8	44.0	1.8	3.2	6.6	8.1	*
February	48.8	45.9	44.2	1.7	2.9	6.0	7.8	*
March	48.7	45.6	44.0	1.6	3.1	6.4	8.3	*
April	48.7	45.7	44.1	1.6	3.0	6.2	7.6	*
May	47.9	45.3	43.8	1.5	2.6	5.5	7.7	*
June	48.9	45.7	44.2	1.5	3.2	6.5	8.4	*
July	49.6	46.6	45.3	1.3	3.0	6.1	8.4	*
August	50.1	47.2	45.7	1.5	2.9	5.8	8.3	*
September								
October								
November								
December								

1/ Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.

2/ Non-additive - included in total employment.

* Under 50.

Series began January 1970.

Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.

Current month preliminary.

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers.

MONTANA HOURS AND EARNINGS

AUGUST 1976

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug. 1976	July 1976	Aug. 1975	Aug. 1976	July 1976	Aug. 1975	Aug. 1976	July 1976	Aug. 1975
TOTAL PRIVATE	\$174.12	\$172.67	\$165.07	35.9	36.2	36.6	\$4.85	\$4.77	\$4.51
MANUFACTURING									
Durable Goods	235.05	235.78	196.04	36.9	38.4	37.2	6.37	6.14	5.27
Primary Metal Industries	231.69	233.02	188.05	35.7	38.2	36.8	6.49	6.10	5.11
Nondurable Goods	273.34	277.50	232.02	34.6	37.0	38.8	7.90	7.50	5.98
Food and Kindred Products	242.99	242.35	219.08	39.9	38.9	38.3	6.09	6.23	5.72
	230.49	228.80	200.82	40.9	40.0	39.3	5.64	5.72	5.11
MINING									
Metal Mining	298.03	309.88	284.85	41.8	43.4	44.3	7.13	7.14	6.43
	294.78	310.06	280.16	39.2	42.3	41.2	7.52	7.33	6.80
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	325.09	320.78	295.60	39.5	39.7	37.8	8.23	8.08	7.82
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	286.70	284.14	254.15	42.6	42.6	42.5	6.73	6.67	5.98
Communications, Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	234.21	234.21	221.26	41.6	41.6	39.3	5.63	5.63	5.63
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	145.04	140.73	131.40	35.9	35.9	36.5	4.04	3.92	3.60
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	126.98	124.20	119.36	36.7	36.0	36.5	3.46	3.45	3.27
SERVICES	108.92	109.31	105.62	31.3	31.5	32.4	3.48	3.47	3.26

Data for current month are preliminary.

Averages are based on gross earnings, including overtime and premium pay.

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Selected Industries series began January 1969 (May 1972 issue). Total Private Sector series began January 1950; Total Private Sector series began January 1969 (May 1972 issue).

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TABLE XIII

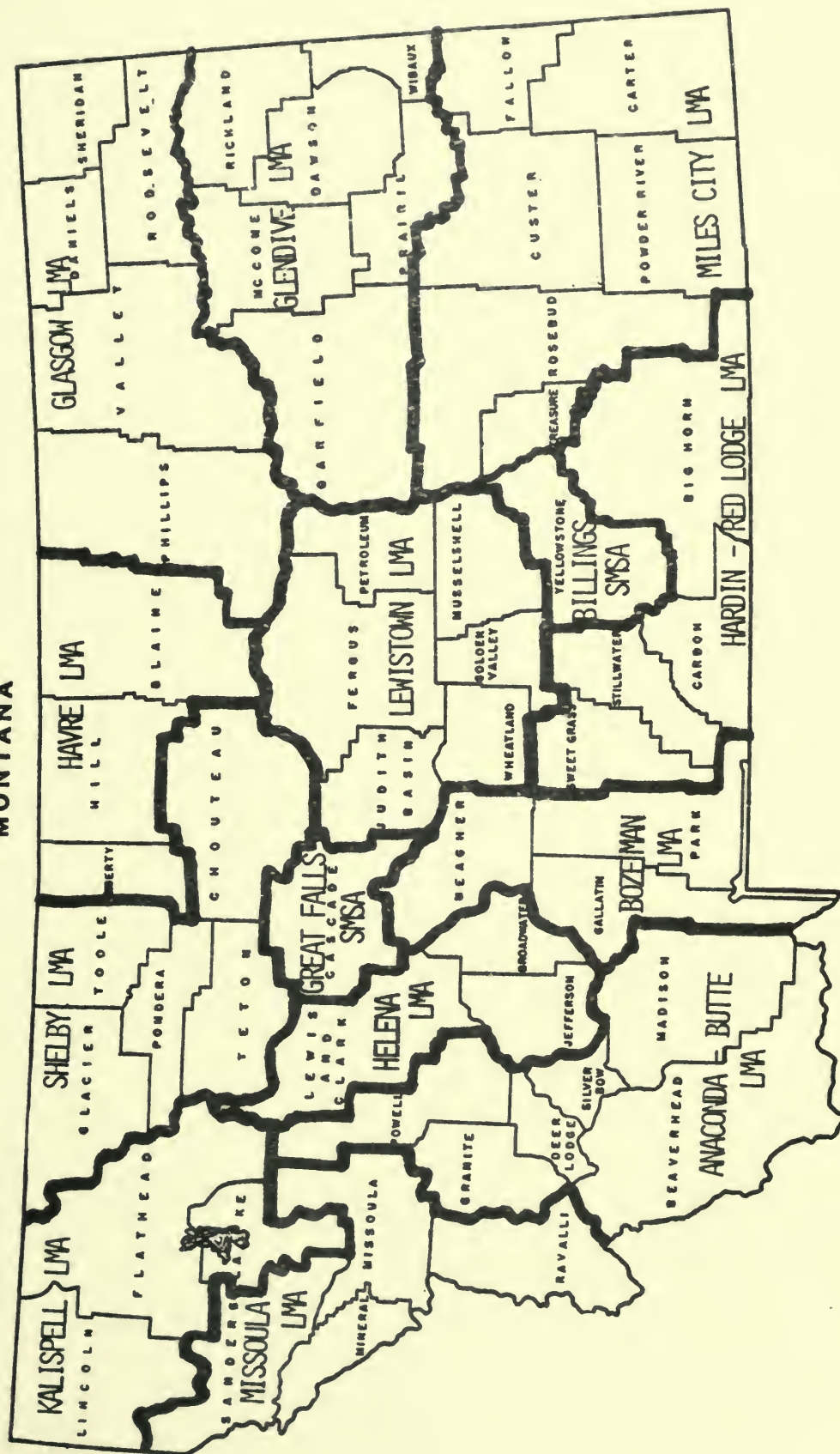
MONTANA LABOR TURNOVER RATES
In Manufacturing and Mining Industries
(per 100 employees)

JULY 1976

	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES					
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits		
	July 1976	June 1976	July 1975	July 1976	June 1976	July 1975	July 1976	June 1976	July 1975	July 1976	June 1976	July 1975
MANUFACTURING	3.7	5.4	4.9	3.3	4.7	4.2	3.4	2.6	3.9	1.5	1.4	1.9
Durable Goods	3.1	5.7	5.2	2.7	4.7	4.3	3.3	2.9	3.6	1.4	1.7	2.0
Primary Metal Industries	1.4	7.8	2.0	0.4	4.4	0.1	3.7	2.3	3.3	0.5	0.5	0.4
Nondurable Goods	4.7	5.0	4.3	4.3	4.6	4.0	3.5	2.2	4.6	1.8	1.0	1.7
MINING	3.0	4.2	3.4	1.4	2.0	2.2	2.7	1.9	3.9	1.1	1.0	1.3
Metal Mining	3.0	2.9	1.2	0.0	0.4	0.0	1.3	1.8	5.9	0.3	0.4	0.5
										0.9	0.3	1.4
										0.0	0.0	3.1

* Less than .05.
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Series began January 1959.

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